

The Hornet

Student News Journal

The Underground Theatre



There's a strange new sound rumbling from below the concrete of 124 Washington Avenue in Endicott. It's the sound of original, live, music.

This is something that's been frustratingly hard to come by in an area stuck on the tried and true cover-band formula. If you want to hear another rendition of "Free Bird," or a half-assed cover of some Journey tune sung with drunken flair, The Underground Theater is probably not for you. However, it has started quite a buzz in our previously non-existent local music scene.

The Underground Theater is directly below JSM Music Studio. Two years ago this space held nothing but a pile of old news-

papers, and garbage from the other businesses that run up and down the street. Fil Fata, the owner, used to practice there with his band. It was around this time that he came up with the idea for The Underground, "a place where both bands and kids can come and not get ripped off."

At that time Fil's father owned the building, and the basement had become a catch-all for a massive amount of junk. Over the course of ten months Fil worked with his friends, and anyone else that would help, to clean the place out. They spent this time hauling old newspapers and cardboard boxes from the basement, and vacuuming up the six-inch layer of dust and debris that had settled on the floor.

Their determination and patience has paid off. Now, every weekend the Underground hosts a new event. They have featured acts from as far away as New Jersey and Ohio (*Narcissus*), touring bands such as *Further Seems Forever*, and a number of local artists such as *Moneybags Gram*, which includes BCC students Justin Mann, Justin Musa, Brandon Musa, and Virginia-based drummer Steve Anderson. Members of *Moneybags Gram* also helped to clean out the Theatre.

In the future Fil hopes to host dinner theatre style shows, display local art, and book more local and regional acts to perform. Music styles have ranged from punk to funk, and recent shows have featured three or more bands per event. Visit the Underground Theater website, www.endicottunderground.com, for more information and a schedule of events. Performers interested in booking a show should email the Underground at: mbgbooking@juno.com.

Support your local music scene by stopping in for one of the shows. You never know how long something good like this will last... Then it's back to southern rock hell.

- by Michael J. Williams

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Ice Center Construction in High Gear

BCC's highly anticipated Ice Center is scheduled to open this coming fall. Here are some of the major features we can expect to see in the campus's newest building.

When completed the BCC Ice Center will include a full-scale hockey rink with permanent seating for 775 people, six modern locker rooms, a fully equipped pro shop, a skate rental shop, an arcade and party room, and a cafe'.

Major north and south entrances will open to a contemporary lobby with easy access to all of the areas above. Hallways inside will connect the Ice Center with all areas of the existing Student Center building. Parking lots surrounding the facility will make it much easier for concertgoers and hockey fans to attend shows and games.

The Center will be home to BCC's varsity hockey team. Concerts, convocations, and other events will take place in the Ice Center. It will also provide local skating organizations (including youth and adult hockey teams, and figure skating clubs) with ice time.

The Student Center, one of the college's original five buildings, was opened in 1957. It has already had two significant additions. The original dining room was the first new construction. In 1988, a major expansion added the West Gym, Fitness Lab and other



needed facilities. In the fall of 2001 the Student Center cafeteria was converted to the modern Food Court we see today.

The complete Student Center Expansion includes the nearly completed Ice Center and, in the proposed "Phase II," a number of other student areas. These areas may include rooms for Student Activities, Student Health, and a 6400 square foot atrium in the lobby area.

For more info and pictures of the construction (inside and out) visit the BCC website:

www.sunybroome.edu/specialtopics/icecenter.html

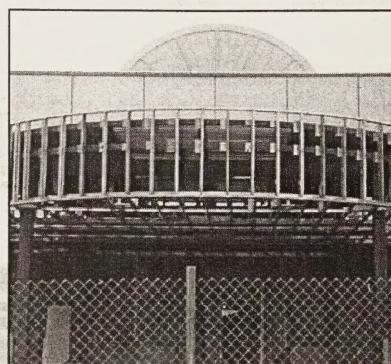
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Letters To The Students

Subject - Music in General:

I am not a musician, but it's been a big part of my life. I wonder sometimes how many people feel the same way. When traveling solo, you have music to keep you company. You can just sit and listen, sing, jam out, or daydream. Also, when you're feeling gloomy, you can pop in a tape or switch the radio station. This will usually get rid of the doldrums and help get you reenergized.

Any time you go out with friends, and there is music involved, you have at least a 50% better chance of having a cool time. Live music always brings a night out to another level. Just think of when you go to a concert, you are stoked all day before you go. Every show can become a classic, even if the bands are totally lame. For years you could be saying, "that was awesome; they jammed; I saw them in concert and it was great, or, I've now seen the most terrible band in the country..." And, most nightclubs are bursting with energy, thumping music, and wild people. What better prescription could you have for an awesome time?

Music can also bring back comical memories that can help jumpstart conversations and break the ice. One explanation for this effect is the way it encompasses so many emotions. It can also be great therapy. Have you ever considered music as a mood-altering tool?

You have heard the saying "A mind is a beautiful thing to waste." Well good music is the same way. Could you live without music? I know I wouldn't want to try for more than a few hours. I wonder how many of you feel the same. Whether you're a musician or not, music can really mean a lot to a person. It makes me wonder what I'm missing out on for not learning to play something.

Finally, one of the best things about music is that everybody has a different opinion about it; I'd love to hear yours.

A Music Fan

To submit your thoughts on this or any other subject email wells_j@sunnybroome.edu

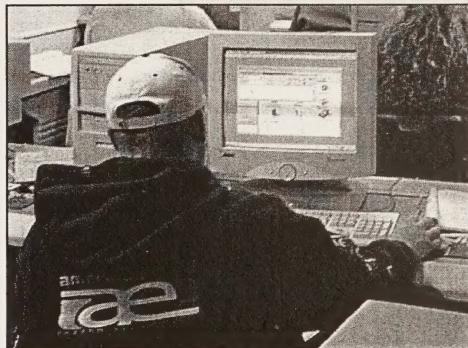
Take Classes Online, From Anywhere

The on-line opportunities at Broome Community College now include over 50 courses. Although it's great to be able to socialize, there are definitely some perks to taking a class on the Net.

Students can attend class in the dead of night, on weekends, or any other time that works for them. There is no dress code, and no need to find a place to park your car. If you have a computer, with a decent Internet connection, you can just roll out of bed and log on.

Some BCC degree-programs have started placing major portions of their coursework online. At this time over 50% of the required assignments, in the following degree programs are available on the Web:

- Human Services
- Liberal Arts
- Business Administration
- Marketing/Management/Sales
- Business Information Management



The college is also part of the SUNY Learning Network of courses, which includes classes from all the other SUNY colleges. Therefore, the total number of available online courses is in the hundreds.

For more information about BCC's On-Line Academy, contact Alice McNeely, Director, Learning Resources Center: 778-5201.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION WITHOUT LIMITS

-an interview with BCC Adjunct Professor of Art, Nancy Ryan.

Professor Ryan's passion for artistic expression started at a young age. Her love for art was nurtured by her mother, Ruth Harasta, who was previously a fashion illustrator for Fowlers, and is currently a painter and printmaker in this area. They both have works exhibited at Wilson Hospital, as well as other local galleries sponsored by the Artists' Guild (now closed) and the Fine Arts Society.

Professor Ryan graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a Bachelor of Science in Art Education, and began teaching at BCC in 1988.

One of the most rewarding facets of teaching is, "When you feel like you've done something that meant something to someone," says Ryan. She expects that her students will leave her classes with a deeper understanding of creative expression through various media.

Her preferred media is printmaking, but she also enjoys drawing (charcoals, conté crayon, washes, mixed media), oil painting, and collage design. The subject matter of Professor Ryan's work is frequently non-objective. "I enjoy working this way because it allows me to deal with the formal elements without being bound by the limitations of subject matter." Ryan follows Van Gogh's

philosophy, "State the essential and ignore the obvious," regarding the execution of her works. This method is readily apparent in the elegant simplicity of Professor Ryan's pieces.

Other examples of her work are based on the figure, although she appreciates the aesthetic qualities of forms created in nature such as roots, bones, pods, and branches. Professor Ryan admits to baiting birds with breadcrumbs into her backyard to better observe their nature and capture their essence for her compositions.

Although much could be said about Professor Ryan's work, she prefers not to elaborate. She believes that Art is her language, and that it should speak for itself.

If you'd like to see some of Professor Ryan's work, please visit: www.nyartguide.net/newyorkartcollection.html - Here you can find her mixed media piece entitled "The Dancer." "It is about movement, form in space, and the fleeting nature of our existence," Ryan explains. "No sooner has the dancer's movement been perceived than it has changed. Just as we perceive a moment in time, the time has passed."

-by Hall Groat

Odyssey of the Mind Tournament Comes to Binghamton

On March 23, about 1500 elementary, middle and high school students, close to 500 coaches and scores of parents, friends and school administrators will be descending on Binghamton University for the Odyssey of the Mind New York State Finals.

The students, however, may be difficult to recognize!

Bedecked in feathers and glitter, sheets and sequins, hats, masks and sporting new appendages, these students have won regional competitions already for their unusual creativity. Collected in one place, the competitors look like Noah's Ark meets Star Trek! They share a common thread of fun and intensity as each team of 5 - 7 students presents a problem solution they have been working on for months.

The presentations each deal with one of five problems which the team selected in the fall. The solutions might require theatrical presentations of modified classic literature, structures made from only balsa wood and glue, vehicles which perform certain tasks, a performance with a central theme, or an innovative contraption to solve a problem.

Another element of the competition is where the team goes into a room to solve a spontaneous question within a time limit. It's a problem they have never seen before.

"Schools can't provide these kinds of opportunities as part of the regular day," 7-year Odyssey Coach Michele McFee said. "Teamwork, creativity and sticking with something for the long haul; these kids have truly accomplished something by the time they get to States."

Teams who win at this competition earn the chance to represent New York in the World Finals of Odyssey of the Mind in Boulder, Colorado over Memorial Day Weekend.

For more information visit - <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com>



Broome Graduate Designed Local Movie Theater, Stores

BCC alum Jim Lamb ('76) has had the benefit of two different courses of study at Broome. With a Criminal Justice degree, Jim went on to a successful career as a police officer, and retired a few years ago.

"After retiring, I needed to make myself marketable," Jim said. He had always liked surveying in school, and he decided to retrain at Broome taking Civil Engineering Technology courses so that he could pursue that first love. His courses sparked a new interest in designing. In his most recent BCC studies, he said, "The surveying software amazed me."

After working as an entry-level designer at another company, Jim is now the senior designer for Newman Development Group, and has had the opportunity to design many local projects. (The company's owner is Marc Newman, a 1982 BCC graduate and a member of the BCC Board of Trustees.) A conceptual design of Hoyts Cinemas hangs above Jim's desk, a project he is especially proud of. He was also responsible for new Vestal Parkway landmarks such as Chucky Cheese and The Shoppes at Vestal (Old Navy).

Jim especially enjoys taking projects from concept to reality.



Stress in college can be tremendous. Social, academic, and financial pressures all take their toll on college students from the day they arrive until graduation.

Every student copes with myriad problems, including peer pressure and social acceptance, dating and relationships, finances, and the stress of the academic program itself - workload, papers, and exams.

Too often, students under stress turn to drugs of abuse to relieve the pressure. Nicotine, alcohol, and illegal drugs are seen as a panacea for stress, anxiety, depression, and personal pain.

Marijuana is a stress reduction choice that has drawbacks. Short-term effects of marijuana use include memory problems, difficulty in thinking and problem solving, distorted perceptions, loss of coordination, increased heart rate,

Drugs Don't Relieve Stress

anxiety, and panic attacks.

More importantly, studies of college students have shown that long-term marijuana use can impair the essential skills related to attention, memory, and learning - even after discontinuing the drug's use for 24 hours.

Some students try to relieve stress by partying. A variety of drugs are now available at campus parties, bars, and clubs including ecstasy, methamphetamine, and "date rape drugs" - GHB, rohypnol, and ketamine. All become more potent and dangerous when mixed with alcohol.

Ecstasy is called the "hug drug." Users feel that it breaks down emotional barriers, while having no side effects. Yet research has shown that regular ecstasy use can lead to damage of brain cells that regulate sleep, mood, and memory.

Methamphetamine (speed, chalk, ice) is a powerful stimulant that is similar to

amphetamine but more toxic to the central nervous system. Short-term effects include agitation, decreased appetite and increased energy levels. Long-term health consequences include memory loss, potential cardiac and neurological damage, and aggression.

Date rape drugs have no taste and are odorless and colorless. If slipped into a student's drink, they create a sedating effect that removes barriers to sexual assault or unsafe sex.

Illegal drugs will not make your problems go away.

Before you turn to them to help temper your stress, check out your campus health center. Let school health professionals help you work things through in a constructive, healthy way.

- By Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

"It could start out as simply an idea drawn on a napkin," he said.

The challenge comes in trying to follow the restrictions of the construction site. "Sometimes it's like trying to fit 50 pounds of pastrami into a tiny space," Jim said. He uses tax maps and land topography to guide his design decisions.

Jim enthusiastically explains the creativity required to meet the site-specific challenges of each of his projects, such as the stream he had to incorporate into The Shoppes at Vestal site, which actually runs underneath the building. "The more inventive you can be, the better," he said. Yet he has also learned that he has to be precise, and that inches count in a carefully planned project. "Nobody thinks about what it takes to put that building up," he said.

They probably also don't think about the Broome Community College graduate who played such a key part in making it happen.

By Michele McFee

Theater Students Build Strong Bonds and Skills

Five students meet outside of the east entrance of the Student Center of Broome Community College. Aundre Seals, Danielle Bates, Patrick Doerfer, Ali Touhey, and Adria Wilson are part of the cast of the BCC Theater's current production: "Rumors, a Farce" by Neil Simon. They joke amongst themselves in a comfortable and friendly manner.

This camaraderie is just one of the benefits of being involved in BCC Theater. As the actors and actresses enter the Student Center to prepare for the rehearsal, there is a feeling of electricity and excitement. "The Theater, much like any of the on campus clubs, provides those involved with a sense of community," says Patricia Phillips, one of the cast members.

The fact that the Theater Department has recently undergone a staff change, with Professor Katherine Bacon taking over the department in September of 2001, adds to the enthusiasm. This shift in leadership brings fresh ideas for coursework, and theater production choices. "The plan is to have one major production each semester with smaller events that will showcase ongoing student work, possibly in the spring semester," says Professor Baco. "I do my best to choose plays by well-known playwrights so that the students can learn about the writer and context of the play in history, as well as gaining performing experience."

Professor Bacon is also reintroducing courses that have not been offered for a long time such as Playwriting, Introduction to Musical Theater and Theater History. In addition, she is hoping to introduce some new courses on Shakespeare and the business of theater.

Participating in BCC Theater can be an important part of the educational experience. As Professor Bacon states, "One of the focuses of the BCC Theater is to provide students with a well-rounded education in performance as well as other aspects of the entertainment industry. This education can then be used to transfer to 4-year theater colleges or directly to work in the business." The BCC Theater department issues an Associate in Science Degree in Theater with emphasis in specific areas. A theater major must have at least 30 of her 65 credits in Theater classes. Students in other areas of study can become involved with BCC theater productions by signing up for one or two courses.

"The Theater provides a wider range of opportunities for all the students on campus," says

cast member Aundre Seals.

Rehearsals begin with a meeting of the cast, Professor Bacon, and the assistant director, Jacqueline Stewart. There is a strong sense of companionship between all the students involved. The structure of the group's meetings provides a fine example of a well-rounded Theater education program.

When asked what she thought were additional benefits to taking theater courses, Professor Bacon said, "I try not only to teach you acting, but also the business of acting. Not only are there educational benefits, but it also helps to increase: self-confidence, communication skills, ability to use your body and voice to your best advantage, and practical and technological knowledge about the industry."

- by Richard S. Grayson

B-METS WANT STUDENTS IN THE STANDS

The Binghamton Mets are making it easier than ever for college students to take in their games this year.

For the first time in the B-Mets 11 year history, fans with valid college ID's can attend games for only \$3.

"We recognize the college community is a vibrant part of the Binghamton area," says B-Mets General Manager Bill Terlecky. "College students always bring a lot of enthusiasm to our ballpark, and we want to make sure as many BCC and BU students as possible come out to attend our games."

The B-Mets are the Double A affiliate of the New York Mets. Current major league stars such as Edgardo Alfonzo, Jason Isringhausen and Preston Wilson spent time in Binghamton with the Mets.

The Mets 2002 season begins Friday, April 5 at 7:00 PM when they play the Norwich Navigators, the Double A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

Campus Quotes

Topic:

The recycling committee and the Student Government Association have initiated a new program on campus. As of March 4, 2002 there will be recycling bins in the cafeteria. If everything runs smoothly then recycling receptacles will be placed in other buildings as well.

The Student Government also sponsored a recycling poster contest and the winners are as follows: **Brandon Cardone** - 1st place, **Erin Hewitt** - 2nd place, and **Joe Curtain** 3rd place. Each won a cash prize and their posters will be displayed in the cafeteria.

Name: Nick Libous

Quote: "It's good the college is finally up to date on our country's recycling standards. And the Student Government hopes we can also improve other items on campus that need to be updated as well."

Major: Communications

Year of Grad. 2002

Name: Scott Lamb

Quote: "If we followed it (recycling) it'd be pretty damn good."

Major: Business

Year of Grad. 2003

Name: William H. Jenks

Quote: "This is proof that the SGA does care for and fight for the rights of all students."

Major: Communication and Media Arts

Year of Grad. 2003

Name: Mike Curatolo

Quote: "Recycling is a necessity on campus and SGA will do what it must to make it a common practice here at BCC."

Major: Liberal Arts

Year of Grad. 2003

Name: David Maslar (SGA Advisor and Director of Student Activities)

Quote: "This is a great example of how Student Government can make their concerns known to the administration and get something done... I also think it's funny that the recycling containers are called 'glutton' containers."

TRAILBLAZER HELPS LOCAL YOUTH MAKE THE RIGHT MOVES

BCC Professor Dr. Joseph Biegen has always been a trailblazer of one style or another. He has been backpacking on the Colorado trail (470 miles), and the Appalachian trail (2100 miles). He traveled all these miles of wilderness alone, with the exception of the llama he rode on the Colorado trek. It may come as no surprise to find this stalwart Scoutmaster of 35 years embarking on a new, and very different, trail.

Over the past few months, Dr. Biegen has found a way to combine his love of chess with the desire to help disadvantaged youth. He has formed six new chess clubs throughout Broome County.

The club meetings have been strategically located in areas where economically disadvantaged young people can easily participate. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Binghamton, Owego, and Endicott host three of the clubs. Two others have been formed at the Hillcrest children's home and group home. A sixth club has been established at the McCormick Secure Center - a high security prison.

Most of the clubs have been running strong for two to three months now. They receive donations from an outreach committee that pays for some of their expenses.

Although he isn't sure if playing chess yields any specific social benefit, Dr. Biegen does hope that the nature of chess - having to think things through, and often estimating the consequences of one's actions - will help the players to find some measure of success in life.

For more information email - biegen_j@sunnybrook.edu
- by Mark Ames

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Social Work Students Host Fundraiser

Students from Professor Francis Battisti's Intro to Social Work class are starting a fundraising project to help support the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference. Their goal is to raise at least \$1000 by the end of the semester. The kick-off will be Thursday March 21st from 11 until 1 in the Decker Health Science Center. There will be information on hand about the project and about the Children's Home. A representative from the Children's Home will also be there.

ARE WE GIVERS OR ARE WE TAKERS?

There is a parable about two seas in Palestine. One sea has fresh water. Many species of fish live in it. Trees and bushes grow near it. Children splash and play in it. The river Jordan flows into this sea with sparkling water from the nearby hills. People have built their homes near it. Every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The same river Jordan flows south into another sea. Here there are no fish, no green things, no children playing, and no homes nearby. Stale air hangs above its waters, and neither man nor beast will drink from it. What makes the difference between these neighbor seas? It is not the river Jordan, because it empties into both of them. Nor is it the soil or the countryside.

The difference is that the Sea of Galilee receives water but does not keep it. For every drop that flows in, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea hoards its water. Every drop it gets it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is called the Dead Sea.

There are two different kinds of people in the world - those Dead Sea people who take without giving back, and the givers, the Sea of Galilee people, who remain fresh and vibrant by freely sharing of themselves. Which are we? Are we Givers or are we Takers?

- by Deacon George Phillips, Catholic Chaplain and Moderator of BCC's Newman Club.

Let Us Take Care Of Your Teeth

Broome Community College offers a full time two-year degree program for Dental Hygiene. The program is challenging but, at the same time, it can be very gratifying. The nice thing about the field of dental hygiene is that the hours are exceptionally flexible, it is financially rewarding and you get to meet many new people.

Here at BCC there is a new and advanced dental hygiene department. We provide services to the public as well as to students and staff that attend the school. We are always looking for new patients and anyone over six years old is welcome. We provide a very thorough and comprehensive treatment. Most of the appointments take at least three hours, because we are very thorough and because we are a learning/teaching institution. Many patients love the thorough job that we do and as a result have been coming here for many years.

Currently there are fifty-five students in the entire dental hygiene program. We have magnificent instructors who are registered dental hygienists, a very helpful technical assistant, a kind receptionist, and a brilliant dentist. We offer affordable services in the clinic for everyone. If you can't afford to pay \$25.00 for sealants at your regular dentist, then come to the clinic! We also provide fluoride treatments, full mouth X-rays, dental sealants, root planing, oral cancer screenings, mouth guards and very helpful preventive homecare instructions.

When you come to the clinic you will have to fill out the BCC health/history packet while watching Mrs. Doubtfire. There are different days and times that we see patients depending on if you see a freshman or senior student, but the appointments are always either at 8:30am or 1:30pm. Once you're seated in the clinic, we get to know you and make sure that you are in good physical health by reviewing your health history. Then we go to work and teach you how to take care of your teeth and gums. Hey, you even get a cool toothbrush, floss, toothpaste and some real good helpful tips and techniques to use at home.

We really hope to see many of your faces in the clinic this semester and in those to come. If you haven't had the chance to visit our clinic located in the Decker Building, then stop by some time. Many people really don't realize the fantastic services that we provide. So, students and staff bring your families in for a cleaning that you will never forget!

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-by Alicia Morse - Secretary-Student Dental Hygiene Club - Senior Dental Hygiene Student

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